

## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Vertically divided reticulated cage 20 is provided for receiving machined chips 2. A lower cage 21 is fitted into a lower guide 11 or a nozzle 14, and the lower cage 21 is detachably mounted thereto. An upper cage 22 is mounted to an upper guide 10 or a nozzle 13. During machining, the upper and lower cages 21 and 22 are brought into close contact with each other, and an electric discharge machining portion is surrounded by the cage 20. A work piece 1 and a clamp member 5 can move relatively with respect to the cage 22 and a wire electrode 12 by a notch 22a formed in the upper cage 22.